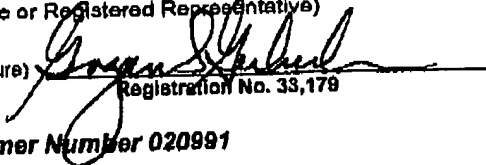


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for _____ months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Fee \$ _____

____ An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. _____
Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated April 7, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

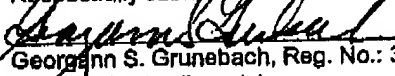
☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

____ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	80	minus	80*	=	0	x	\$ 18.00	\$	00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	15	minus	15**	=	0	x	\$ 86.00	\$	00.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					0	+	\$ 290.00	\$	00.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:								\$	00.00

Charge \$ 00.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

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